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MISSOURI GAS ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE TO TAKE EFFECT

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a request filed by Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) to implement a surcharge on the bills of its natural gas customers to reflect eligible costs for natural gas pipeline replacements and/or relocations that are not currently in MGE's rates. The surcharge on customer bills will be identified as an infrastructure system replacement surcharge or ISRS. MGE seeks to have the ISRS take effect on May 13, 2005.

Natural gas companies such as MGE can petition the Commission for the establishment of an ISRS under a state law enacted in 2003.

The ISRS for MGE's residential customers will be 17 cents a month. MGE will provide a surcharge description on all affected customer bills informing customers of the existence and the amount of the ISRS.

MGE serves approximately 500,000 natural gas customers in western Missouri.